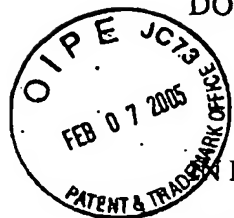


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Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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